GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:201
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2003
ILLEGAL MINING BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal mines under the private companies at present, location-wise and company-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that certain private companies in coal mining sector are involved in illegal mining;

(c) if so, the details of such companies;

(d) the norms laid down to check the violation of rules by the private sector in coal mines; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check these violations in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
Statement referred to in answer to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 201 for answer on 16.12.2003 asked by Shri C.N.Singh and Shri Sadashivrao Dadoba Mandlik regarding illegal mining by private companies.

(a): The number of coal mines leased to private companies at present, location-wise and company-wise is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c): While complaints have been received regarding illegal mining by certain private sector coal mining companies, further investigations have not proved these to be correct except in one case where a private company has reportedly been mining coal in violation of the conditions of allocation of the captive mining block allocated to it. The Central Government have taken up the mining lease granted to this company in suo motu revision. Orders prohibiting disposal of coal mined from the captive block to any agencies/parties other than its proposed power plant have also been passed by the Coal Controller.

(d) & (e): The applicable Acts and Rules provide for detailed procedural requirements and norms relating to mining along with provisions for penalties and punishment for their violation. Complaints received in the Ministry of Coal involving illegalmining by the private sector companies engaged in coal mining are inquired into by the Ministry of Coal with the assistance of the subsidiary coal company of Coal India Limited (CIL) operating in the area, the Office of the Coal Controller and/or the concerned State Government.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in Part (a) of the statement referred to in answer to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 201for answer on 16.12.2003 asked by Shri C.N. Singh andShri Sadashivrao Dadoba Mandlik regarding illegal miningb y private companies.

Sl.No	Name of the Party	Name of the mines under lease	Location (State)
1	M/s. RPG Industries/CESC Ltd.	Sarisatolli	West Bengal
2	M/s. INDALCO	Talabira-I	Orissa
3	M/s. Bengal Emta Coal Mines Ltd.	Tara (East) Tara (West)	West Bengal
4	M/s. BLA	Gotitoria (East)	Madhya Pradesh

	Industries	Gotitoria(West)	
5	M/s. Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/1	Chhattisgarh
6	M/s. Monnet Ispat Ltd.	Gare-Palma-IV/5	Chhattisgarh
7	M/s. Central Collieries Company Ltd.	Takli-Jena Bellora (South)	Maharashtra
8	M/s. Castron Techonologies Ltd.	Brahamadiha	Jharkhand
9	M/s. TISCO	West Bokaro	Jharkhand
	Quarry-AB(OC-I), West Bokaro Quarry-E(OC-II), Jamadoba Colliery, 6 & 7 Pits Colliery, Digwadih Colliery, Sijua Colliery, Bhelatand Colliery, Malkera		